



Fact Sheet:

Halibut Cove Lagoon

Public Use Cabins



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The Department of Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation opened Kachemak Bay State Park's first Public Use Cabin, the Lagoon Overlook cabin in 1992. For the 1997 season, two new cabins are available in the Lagoon. The Lagoon Overlook and Lagoon East cabins are both accessible from a floating dock that provides safe access to the cabins and nearby Ranger Station. The Lagoon West cabin is located 1/2 mile (by boat) west of the public dock. The scenery from each of the cabins is spectacular, with fishing for king salmon excellent during the open season. Miles of hiking trails are located nearby.

Accommodations

The Lagoon Overlook cabin is a 16' x 20' cabin with three rooms: two bedrooms and one common room. Each of the two bedrooms has a bunk bed and sleeping platform, accommodating a total of eight people. The main room has a counter, table, and chairs. There is no electricity, but a wood stove is provided for heat. Water is available when the Ranger Station generator is operating and should be treated before drinking.

The Lagoon East and Lagoon West cabins are 16' x 20' log cabins with 1-1/2 double bunk beds, sleeping 6 in each cabin. The bunks are provided with 1" thick closed cell foam padding. Both are supplied with wood stoves for heat, and have a table, benches and counter for food preparation. The Lagoon East cabin is designed for accessibility for persons with mobility disabilities, as long as the individual has assistance up the ramp from the dock to the cabin boardwalk system.

Two vaulted latrines are available at the Overlook and East cabins, while a pit latrine is available at the West cabin. Water for the Lagoon East cabin is available from a nearby hydrant when the Ranger station generator is operating, and should be treated. A nearby stream is available for water at the Lagoon West cabin, and also should be treated before drinking.

What should I take?

- Bug Repellent
- Cooking stove & fuel
- Dishes, cookware, and utensils
- Extra clothes & rain gear
- First aid kit
- Lantern/flashlight
- Lantern fuel (white gasoline)
- Sleeping pad or air mattress
- Sleeping bags
- Tide book
- Toilet Paper
- Waterproof matches

- Firewood (may be available near the cabins, however pre-cut firewood bundles are available at the ranger station for a small fee.)

Access

The Halibut Cove Lagoon East and Overlook cabins are located at the south end of Halibut Cove Lagoon, approximately 10 miles from the Homer Spit, and in the immediate vicinity of the public dock and ramp at the Ranger Station. The Halibut Cove Lagoon West cabin is located approximately 1/2 mile to the West of the public dock, with a mooring buoy located offshore. Access is via private boats, float planes, or commercial air or water taxi service.

If using a private boat, please use the caution necessary in coastal Alaskan water with respect to tides, weather and your party's abilities and experience; the waters of Kachemak Bay are often rough. Entering and exiting the Lagoon at HIGH TIDE ONLY is recommended. The new dock located adjacent to the Ranger Station is available for boats up to 26 feet long. Boats larger than 26 feet in length should be anchored.

Expect to carry gear approximately 500 feet along a boardwalk to the Lagoon Overlook cabin and approximately 250 feet to the Lagoon East cabin. For children's safety, we encourage all children to wear life jackets when on or around the dock. PLEASE, NO PLAYING ON THE DOCK! The Lagoon West cabin is accessible via a stairway from the gravel beach in front of the cabin.

Availability

All three of the cabins are available year round, but certain amenities may not be available from September 15 through May 15. The dock may be dismantled for the winter and stored on uplands and the water system is winterized after September 15 annually.

Reservations

Reservations can be made on line at www.alaskastateparks.org, in person at our Public Information Center offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau or at the nearest State Park office. Alaska residents can make reservations 7 months to the day in advance of the first night stay and non-residents 6 months to the day in advance, Monday through Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Alaska time. Advance reservations cannot be made on weekends or State holidays, but can be made the next business day. All other cabin reservations can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reservation requests can also be mailed or faxed. Credit cards (MasterCard or Visa) are accepted for payment when making reservations on line, mailing or faxing reservation requests or when paying in person at our Anchorage or Fairbanks offices. Reservations are not accepted over the phone. There is a \$10 service charge for changes or cancellations, which must be made 7 days in advance of the first night. A cabin credit less the \$10 service charge will be issued for reservations that are cancelled. A cabin credit is valid for one year from date of issue.

The Alaska State Park offices nearest the cabins are: the Kenai Area Park office located at Lou Morgan Road, accessed at Mile 85 Sterling Highway, and the Homer Ranger Station located at Mile 168.5 Sterling Highway. These locations are unable to accept credit card payment.

The cabin rental fee per night is \$65 peak and \$50 non-peak. Stay limit is seven nights per month. No tent camping is permitted near the cabins. Tent campers may camp in a designated campsite located approximately 100 yards west of the Lagoon West Cabin. Campsites are available on a "first come, first served" basis.

Pets

While pets are allowed in the park, they must remain on a leash while in the cabin/dock/ranger station vicinity. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. CAUTION: Pets off leash on trails is not recommended due to bears and other hikers.

Check In/Check Out Time is 12:00 noon.

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